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SUBJ: SOMALIA CHALLENGES US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

1. SUMMARY: IN ADDRESS BEFORE ILO PLENARY SESSION JUNE 6, SOMALIA MINISTER LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SAID INTER ALIA ILO CAN DO BETTER WITHOUT STATE (READ US) WHOSE POLICIES ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH PRINCIPLES OF PHILOSOPHY RATHER THAN BE SUBJECTED TO THREATS OF WITHDRAWAL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDRESS BEFORE ILO PLENARY SESSION, JUNE 6, SOMALIA MINISTER LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS QALIB CALLED FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, MADE CHARGES THAT WESTERN NATIONS ARE BASIS OF SUPPORT FOR QUOTE RACIST REGIMES UNQUOTE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ASKED MEMBER NATIONS OF ILO TO BOYCOTT SHIPS, TRAINS AND AIRLINES TO AND FROM SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO ASKED FOR SUPPORT FOR PLO.
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3. AFTER DESCRIBING SOMALIA DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING REORGANIZATION OF GENERAL FEDERATION OF SOMALIA TRADE UNIONS, AND NEED FOR ILO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, QALID LABELED ILO AS EUROPEAN ORIENTED, ARCHAIC INSTITUTION REFLECTING ANACHRONISMS OF PAST. COMPLAINED OF BLOCKAGE BY MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATIONS OF MOVES

TO CHANGE STRUCTURE OF ILO.

4. STRONGEST LANGUAGE, WITHOUT NAMING US, WAS AIMED AT US EFFORTS TO REFORM ILO. RELEVANT STATEMENT WITH UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: IT IS PERTINENT TO REFER TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17. ALTHOUGH RECOMMENDATIONS OF SELECTION COMMITTEE WERE REJECTED, OUR PREOCCUPATIONS LIE UPON ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE WILL OF SOME MEMBER STATES ON ENTIRE ORGANIZATION. THIS IS INTENDED TO OPPOSE EVOLUTION OF STRUCTURE OF ILO. WE DO NOT BELIEVE EXISTENCE OF ILO DEPENDENT UPON SUPPORT OF ONLY ONE MEMBER STATES, NO MATTER HOW IMPORTANT THIS SUPPORT MAY BE. ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF MODERN WORLD IS DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT MEANS CHANGE. SO MUST STRUCTURE OF ILO IF IT IS TO MEET LEGITIMATE EXPECTATIONS OF EVER CHANGING WORLD. ANY MEMBER STATE CAN ONLY BEST CONTRIBUTE TO EFFECTIVENESS OF ILO BY ACCEPTING PHILOSOPHY OF EQUALITY AND BY NATURAL EVOLUTION OF THAT PHILOSOPHY. IF POLICIES OF A MEMBER STATE ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH PRINCIPLES OF PHILOSOPHY OF EQUALITY, ILO CAN DO BETTER WITHOUT SUCH A MEMBER STATE RATHER THAN BE SUBJECTED TO THREATS OF WITHDRAWAL. UNQUOTE. FULL TEXT POUCHED IO, AF, MOGADISCIO. SORENSEN

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